

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An implantable gastro-intestinal device comprising:
a gastric bypass comprising an inlet and an outlet and comprised of a permeable material;
an inflatable chamber comprising an expandable asymmetric toroidal shaped chamber attached to the gastric bypass and located proximate to the inlet of the gastric bypass, wherein the toroidal chamber holds the inlet in an open configuration when the toroidal chamber is inflated;
an esophageal extension comprising one or more flaps, wherein the esophageal extension is attached to the inlet of the gastric bypass, and wherein food passes into the gastric bypass through the esophageal extension;
a small bowel extension attached to the outlet of the gastric bypass and comprised of a permeable material, wherein the small bowel extension receives material exiting the outlet of the gastric bypass.
2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the gastric bypass comprises a flaccid gastric bag.
3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the gastric bypass comprises ribbing molded therein, wherein the ribbing maintains an open volume in the gastric bypass in the absence of compressive forces thereon.

4. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the gastric bypass comprises a sleeve containing a wire, wherein the sleeve and wire cooperate to maintain an open volume in the gastric bypass in the absence of compressive forces thereon.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1 7, wherein the gastric bypass is flaccid outside of the toroidal chamber.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The device of claim 3, wherein the ribs are encapsulated within the walls of the gastric bypass.

11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 3, wherein the ribs are disposed longitudinally within the gastric bypass.

12. (Previously presented) The device of claim 3, wherein the ribs are disposed helically within the gastric bypass.

13. (Previously presented) The device of claim 4, wherein the sleeve and the wire are disposed helically around the gastric bypass.